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In re Application of

Bower et al.

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Encoding Such Enzymes and Methods)

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Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

In the specification:

In the specification after page 33, please insert the Sequence Listing on pages 1-30, enclosed herewith.

On page 2, please replace the paragraph starting on line 25 with the following:

Ooi et al., Curr. Genet., Vol. 18, pp. 217-222 (1990) disclose the cDNA sequence coding for endoglucanase F1-CMC produced by Aspergillus aculeatus which contains the amino acid strings NNLWG (SEQ ID NO: 1), ELMIW (SEQ ID NO: 66) and GTEPFT

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